



## ***You're Invited!***

Dear Colleague:

The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) is leading a comprehensive and integrated effort to reinvent the safety net system. The objective of this effort is to transform Arizona's safety net system from one that focuses on the delivery of benefits, goods and services to one that will improve consumers' quality of life. DES, with the support and engagement of the broader Arizona community, will implement a Demonstration Project in select areas of the state, (Prescott Valley, South Phoenix and Tucson), to develop and refine this new construct for addressing the needs of consumers in attaining their own level of self-sufficiency and freedom from public assistance.

Director Carter is hosting a Community Forum in South Phoenix on **Thursday, September 12, 2013** from **3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at **Rio Vista Center, 1431 E. Southern, Phoenix 85040.**

The ***first 60 minute session*** of this forum will focus on a broad overview of the problems inherent in the design and operation of the current safety net and the practical application of DES' Transformation Initiative through a Demonstration Project. The ***second 90 minute session*** begins at **4:15 p.m.** with a discussion on the role of the community in the reinvention of the safety net and the collaborative efforts with Open Table in this work. While the second session is focused on the faith community, all participants are invited to attend both sessions.

Please join us for this invitation-only meeting of leaders representing government, philanthropy, business, education, faith and community service. Please RSVP your attendance no later than **Friday, September 6, 2013.**

To RSVP, address questions you may have, or make arrangements for any special accommodations, please contact Adrienne Walker at [awalker@azdes.gov](mailto:awalker@azdes.gov) or 602-364-0533.

Thank you.

**Reinventing Arizona's  
Safety Net System**

